

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 8, 2015**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
Darrell Pollesch  
Lisa Derr  
Larry Bischoff  
Larry Schraufnagel

**Also Present:** John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Cayla Her, Victim Witness Coordinator, District Attorney's Office; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Sheriff Schmidt reminded Committee of the Law Enforcement Memorial to take place on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Administration Building with a meal to follow. Any responses should be directed to Juneau Police Chief Dave Beal. The cost for the meal is \$10.00.

The Torch Run this year will take place entirely in the City of Beaver Dam, with the finish at Swan City Park.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of April 10, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**Communications:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Committee Member Report:** Chair MaryAnn Miller reported on the recent WCA Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting. She reported discussions regarding evidence based decision making, Court funding, probation and parole reimbursement, coroner's fees, small claims filing fees, oversight of surplus property equipment, and protective status for jailers. Chair Miller requested the Clerk of Courts and Medical Examiner give additional information on pending legislation concerning their departments.

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Storck commended MaryAnn and the American Legion for Student Government Day. Lynn Hron, Kurt Klomberg and Judge Sciascia also helped, along with the Child Support Agency, for this annual event held this year on April 15.

Judge Storck commented on the budget and explained how he sees the change in business units affecting the Court system. Basically each and every business unit will need to be balanced as opposed to transferring between the business units for the Courts. Discussion was held among the Committee. He pointed out that some of the business units aren't able to be planned for and there is no control over some budget items.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** Lynn Hron reported on the decreased fees being collected and explained to the Committee the way some agencies file multiple cases with one filing fee that greatly reduces fees collected.

**Child Support Report:** Bernie Mueller reported that her recent conference in Stevens Point was very good. No other formal report.

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg reported that there is no funding for an additional ADA or pay progression despite strong support from the State Assembly. This is not what he had hoped for and he is concerned about retaining staff. He will keep the Committee informed and thanked them for their support.

Bob Barrington was re-elected to the State Bar Board of Governors, and he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Government Lawyers Division.

**Medical Examiner Report:** ME Schoebel reported that there is a proposal put out by the Joint Committee on Finance to freeze Medical Examiner fees for a period of two years, then fees could be raised for the cost of inflation. This could have an effect as soon as July 1 if the budget is signed. He explained that there is not a set standard for fees in the State, and explained the difference between what Dodge County charges as compared to other counties in the State, specifically Milwaukee County. If Dodge County wants to raise fees, the resolution would need to be signed next month. PJ has talked with Mr. Mielke regarding this.

ME Schoebel was questioned by the Committee and there was discussion as to the impact this could have on the County. It was the consensus of the Committee that he should go ahead and increase his fees now and would look for a resolution next month.

**Sheriff Office Report:** Sheriff Schmidt reported that Christine Churchill is the new Director of Communications, and this position also oversees the secretaries.

Joe Nicholas is finishing his training today with K9 Paige.

He has implemented a County Most Wanted list again, and of the 20 so far, 5 have been picked up. He will also be getting the Child Support Agency involved for persons they are looking for. These "wanted" people will be listed on media and the website.

Funds have come in to pay for the Tactical Rifle Vests. Vests will also go to the EMT's on the SWAT Team. The vests have been ordered and should be going to the officers by the end of May.

The Sheriff gave an update regarding the Records Management System Request for Proposal (RFP) that fire service was added to the request.

Purchase was made for ten portable radios for the Detention Facility that replaced outdated radios. They were able to save money because of a sale.

The Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 – Peace and Order was given to the Committee for review last month. There was a motion by Schraufnagel with a second by Pollesch to take this matter to the County Board. Changes were explained. DA Klomberg spoke in support of this because computer crimes are addressed, and it gives discretion to his department for charging. Motion carried.

After meeting with Maas Brothers Construction last Friday, the quote was not what the Sheriff's Office was looking for. They will be coming back in the future with other quotes.

**Other business:** Informational presentation was made by Victim Witness Coordinator Cayla Her. She explained the Statutes that govern the services provided to victims and witnesses. This includes restitution, getting victim and witness statements and conferring with prosecutors. They work behind the scenes and attend Court with victims. They also provide referrals for services and help victims navigate through the criminal justice system.

Bob explained that there is a separate waiting room for victims.

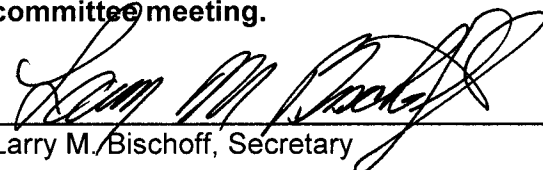
The Judges ask prosecutors if victim rights have been complied with or are not able to go ahead with hearings if victims are without proper notification.


This unit of the District Attorneys office saves the County both time and money with their work in moving cases forward.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, June 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility. Chair Miller reminded members to think about a change in the July meeting date, as the Justice Facility is closed for holiday on July 3, 2015.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Chair to adjourn meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m..

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

  
Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

  
Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary